REMARKS:

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-8 were rejected. Claim 1 has been amended for clarification. New claims 9 and 10 have been added. Thus, claims 1-10 are pending and under consideration. No new matter has been added. The rejections are traversed below.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,052,714 (Miike).

Miike discusses providing an excerpt of predetermined articles required by a user from a quantity of text articles in accordance with a request of the user. In Miike, a retrieval condition or a user-profile having predetermined themes or topics is stored for every user (see, FIG. 2 and corresponding text), the articles are retrieved in accordance with the user-profile (see, col. 3, lines 31-33) based on search of words of the user-profile in articles and weight given to the word by the user (see, FIGS. 4(a) and 4(b)). Then, the system generates an excerpt of the articles in the retrieval result (see, col. 4, lines 7-13). For example, a user specifies "multimedia", "CD-ROM", etc., as words required to be part of the user's profile including weight accorded thereto and the system generates excerpts of articles having those words. That is, Miike merely selects or retrieves articles and generates excerpts to be provided to the user.

The present invention customizes information to adapt the information to user conditions peculiar to each user. That is, the present invention applies data specific to the user to the information provided by an information provider to customize the information based on the data specific to the user. As recited in independent claim 1 as amended, the present invention stores "environmental conditions that are predetermined conditions for an event relating to information provided by a predetermined information provider" and acquires "user conditions input by the user and relating to and being specific to the user" such that "detailed information related to the event including information customized for the user in accordance with the user conditions" and "in conformity with the environmental conditions" is distributed to the user.

For example, when there are various articles concerning revision of a pension system, the Miike system merely collects the articles informative of the revision of the pension system and generates excerpts of the collected articles. On the other hand, the present invention provides information on how much pension user A receives under the newly revised pension system by using user conditions (i.e., age, salary, etc.) and environmental conditions (i.e.,

calculation formula, etc.).

It is submitted that the independent claim 1 is patentable over Miike.

For at least the above-mentioned reasons, claims depending from independent claim 1 are patentably distinguishable over Miike. The dependent claims are also independently patentable. For example, as recited in claim 5, "when a predetermined condition among the user conditions is not yet set, the structuring unit temporarily sets at least one set value that the predetermined condition may take and creates the detailed information using the set value". The Miike method does not teach or suggest that "the structuring unit temporarily sets at least one set value that the predetermined condition may take and creates the detailed information using the set value" when a predetermined condition among the user conditions is not yet set, as recited in dependent claim 5.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

NEW CLAIMS:

New claim 9 is added to highlight that the present invention includes, "applying user set conditions that are specific to the user to predetermined conditions defined by an information provider to customize the information" and "distributing the customized information to the user via the terminal connected with the network".

New claim 10 is added to recite, "customizing the data from the information provider responsive to a request from a user to use the data, the data being customized in accordance with conditions specific to the user for making the data specific to the user and conditions defined by the information provider" and "presenting the customized data to the user".

It is respectfully submitted that new claims 10 and 11 are patentably distinguishable over the cited reference.

CONCLUSION:

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended for clarification, and new claims 9 and 10 have been added. Thus, claims 1-10 are pending and under consideration.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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